

SUPREME COURT OF WISCONSIN

No. 08-16 and 08-25

In the matter of amendment of the Code of
Judicial Conduct's rules on recusal.

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David R. Schanker
Clerk of Supreme Court
Madison, WI

On June 20, 2008, the League of Women Voters of Wisconsin Education Fund petitioned this court to create Supreme Court Rules (SCRs) relating to recusal when a party in an action or the lawyers in an action have previously made a campaign contribution to or spent money on a media campaign relating to a judicial election for a judge who is presiding in the case. On July 28, 2009, the League of Women Voters of Wisconsin Education Fund filed an amended petition.

On September 30, 2008, the Wisconsin Realtors Association, Inc., petitioned this court to amend the Code of Judicial Conduct to provide that the receipt of a lawful campaign contribution by a judicial campaign committee or an endorsement of a candidate does not, by itself, warrant judicial recusal.

IT IS ORDERED that a public hearing on these petitions, and any other petitions filed prior to October 27, 2009, relating to recusal, shall be held in the Supreme Court Room in the State Capitol, Madison, Wisconsin, on Wednesday, October 28, 2009, at 9:30 a.m.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the court's conference in these matters shall be held promptly following the public hearing.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that notice of the hearing be given by a single publication of a copy of this order and both petitions in the official state newspaper and in an official publication of the State Bar of Wisconsin not more than 60 days nor less than 30 days before the date of the hearing.

Dated at Madison, Wisconsin, this 3rd day of August, 2009.

BY THE COURT:

David R. Schanker
Clerk of Supreme Court

